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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**United States Geological Survey**

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**Request for Nominations for Members to Serve on the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC), and the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC)**

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations.

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior is seeking nominations to serve on the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (**SESAC**), and the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (**NEPEC**). The **SESAC** advises the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. The **NEPEC** provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the USGS on earthquake predictions and related scientific research.

**DATES:** Nominations for the **SESAC** and **NEPEC** must be received by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** **SESAC** nominations can be sent to Dr. Gavin Hayes at [ghayes@usgs.gov](mailto:ghayes@usgs.gov).

Additional information about **SESAC** may be found at <https://www.usgs.gov/natural-hazards/earthquake-hazards/scientific-earthquake-studies-advisory-committee-sesac> .

NEPEC nominations can be sent to Dr. Michael Blanpied at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov). Additional information about the NEPEC may be found at <https://www.usgs.gov/natural-hazards/earthquake-hazards/national-earthquake-prediction-evaluation-council-nepec>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquiries regarding SESAC can be directed to Dr. Gavin Hayes, Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards and Designated Federal Officer, [ghayes@usgs.gov](mailto:ghayes@usgs.gov), 303-273-8421. Inquiries regarding NEPEC can be directed to Dr. Michael Blanpied, Associate Coordinator, Earthquake Hazards Program and Designated Federal Officer, [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov), 703-648-6696.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **SESAC**

The SESAC was established in accordance with the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1977. The SESAC advises the Director of the USGS on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), including its roles, goals and objectives within that program, its capabilities and research needs, guidance on achieving major objectives, and establishing and measuring performance goals. Membership is composed of non-Federal experts who are qualified in the seismic sciences and other appropriate fields. The USGS Director will give due consideration to recommendations from organizations and societies that may include: National Academy of Sciences; Geological Society of America; Seismological Society of America; American Society of Civil Engineers; American Geophysical Union; Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service, be familiar with relevant areas of seismic

science and related fields and have at least a general familiarity with USGS programmatic activities relating to its participation in NEHRP.

## **NEPEC**

The **NEPEC** was established under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1977 and provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the USGS on earthquake predictions, forecasts, advisories, and related scientific research. The Director of the USGS appoints members who are experts in the scientific disciplines that bear on earthquake prediction or other relevant disciplines involved in forecasting natural hazards or public response to such forecasts. Nominations are sought from the private and public sectors and nominees should have established records of distinguished service, be familiar with relevant areas of seismic science and related fields and have at least a general familiarity with USGS programmatic activities relating to its participation in NEHRP.

**SESAC** and **NEPEC** nominations should include a resume providing adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the **SESAC** and **NEPEC**, and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member.

Nominations are to be sent to the email address listed under **ADDRESSES**.

Non-Federal members of the **SESAC** and **NEPEC** serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, non-Federal **SESAC** and **NEPEC** members engaged in **SESAC** and **NEPEC** business, approved by the Designed Federal Officer,

may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under 5 U.S.C. § 5703.

As appropriate, certain **SESAC** and **NEPEC** members may be appointed as special Government employees (SGEs). Please be aware that applicants selected to serve as SGEs will be required, prior to appointment, to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report in order to avoid involvement in real or apparent conflicts of interest. You may find a copy of the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at the following website:

<https://www.doi.gov/ethics/special-government-employees/financial-disclosure>.

Additionally, after appointment, members appointed as SGEs will be required to meet applicable financial disclosure and ethics training requirements. Please contact 202-208-7960 or [DOI\\_Ethics@sol.doi.gov](mailto:DOI_Ethics@sol.doi.gov) with any questions about the ethics requirements for members appointed as SGEs.

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